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How Much Metroland Should City Ask State to Purchase?

by Diane Oberg

After two hours of discussion of the possible development of land around the Greenbelt Metro Station, the only decision reached by the Greenbelt City Council at its March 13 regular meeting was to have another meeting, this time with officials from College Park and Berwyn Heights. At issue was how to respond to the developer's request that the municipalities ask the state to purchase the environmentally sensitive areas of the A.H. Smith property (located between the CSX tracks and Cherrywood Lane between the Metro station and Greenbelt Road). Officials from the three cities will meet in the municipal building on March 20 to try to reach agreement on a joint response.

From one perspective, the central issue under consideration was a no-brainer: would the city like the state government to buy as much of the environmentally sensitive land near the station as possible, thus protecting it from development? Obviously, the city would support this, and council has already gone on record asking the state to acquire as much of the property as possible.

Now, however, Metroland Developers LLC's representative, Richard Reed, has asked the city councils of Greenbelt, College Park and Berwyn Heights to send a letter to the governor supporting purchase of a specific amount, 111 acres, of the property. Although Reed insisted that

such an endorsement would not imply support for any specific development proposal, council remained concerned about what might be read into the city's action.

Developer's Proposal

Metroland proposes that a 111 acre "contiguous preservation area" be created on the property. This would include most of the stream valley, wetlands and flood plain in the area. The state, under the developer's proposal, would purchase 77 acres and the developer would donate the remaining 34. Two parcels near the subway/railroad tracks, identified as environmentally sensitive by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission staff (Park and Planning), would be developed, and the required mitigation sites would be located on the land to be purchased by/donated to the state. All of the property that fronts on Cherrywood Lane would be included in the preservation area, as would the "concrete mountain" that has built up over years of runoff when cement trucks were washed out. The scrapyard and the Concrete Institute are not located on Metroland land property and are not affected by this proposal.

Premature?

One of the issues complicating the issue is that council knows few details of the development proposal. The plans are in a state of flux as the developer markets

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Letter to Glendening Re Purchase of Land

by Elaine Skolnik and Judith Ransom Bell

During a two-hour-plus meeting on March 20 between the Greenbelt and College Park city councils, members jabbed at and sparred with each other in an effort to reach agreement on the content of a letter to Governor Parris Glendening. The main issue in contention was whether to request the governor to acquire 138 acres of the environmental envelope on the A.H. Smith tract or to limit their request to the 111 acres suggested by the developer's attorney.

Those present felt strongly that Greenbelt and College Park should be united in their position. The contentiousness ended when agreement was reached on 138 acres. The letter, yet to be finalized, is subject to both cities' deliberations during their regular council sessions, with College Park scheduled on March 21 and Greenbelt next week. However, the big question is what action College Park will take when they meet — approve, disapprove, or decide to send a separate letter. Reportedly, the two other members of the "Four Cities Coalition," Berwyn Heights and New Carrollton, opted to send separate letters supporting acquisition of 111 acres.

The Greenbelt City Council will take action on the issue at its regular meeting next Monday, March 27. And the beat goes on.

Council Looks for Changes To Dangerous Bus Stop

by Diane Oberg

There's no safe way to get to or from it; there's speeding traffic on both sides of it; there's no place to sit, so tired riders sit on the curb with their feet in the traffic lanes; there's no crosswalk, no traffic light and no street light—in short, it's dangerous. That was how the members of the Greenbelt City Council described the Metrobus stop on westbound Greenbelt Road opposite Greenway Center. The stop is located on the traffic divider between Greenbelt Road and the off-ramp from the northbound Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

After several unsuccessful requests that WMATA do something to make the stop safer, council even considered removing the bus stop from the island. However, City Solicitor Robert Manzi has told council that, legally, the city does not have the right to do anything to a bus stop located in the state right of way.

Council has asked that the stop be moved or somehow made safer. At the March 13 regular meeting of the Greenbelt City Council, Larry Glick, senior planner for Metrobus in Maryland, told council that there was not much the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority (WMATA) could do.

Only the State Highway Administration (SHA) could move the bus stop, he said. Likewise, SHA is the agency that would be responsible for installing guardrails, crosswalks or other im-

provements at the stop. WMATA has recommended that a crosswalk be placed across the Baltimore-Washington Parkway ramp to the east of the stop, and that signs be installed warning motorists to watch for pedestrians, but it cannot actually install them. As for a shelter, WMATA has not had an active shelter program for years, he said.

Glick advised against trying to remove or relocate the stop. The next closest stop on the route is at Hanover Parkway, which is further from Greenway than most passengers would want to walk. And, given the configuration of Greenbelt Road, there is no suitable alternative site convenient to Greenway Center, he said.

Years ago, Metrobuses stopped in Greenway Center itself until the shopping center owner withdrew permission. Even if the center once again allowed buses to use its property, Glick said, he would not necessarily recommend that the stop be relocated — it would "slow us down considerably." (He also, in passing, raised the possibility that metro buses might be pulled from Beltway Plaza, but council did not question him further on that issue.)

Glick agreed to participate in a meeting with SHA officials and council to discuss what can be done to improve safety at the Greenbelt Road bus stop.

Boards and Committees

Council reappointed the following people to city advisory See BUS STOP, page 8

A Greenbelt Profile

Councilmember Edward Putens

by Barry Bernstein

Greenbelt City Councilmember Edward V.J. Putens has served on council for over 20 years. He has had his share of achievements and struggles in life and takes challenges in stride. He has promised himself to never give his word frivolously. "As my uncle used to say, your word is your bond; you must never break it. If I tell you that I am going to do something, I am going to do it," Putens said.

Putens exhibits confidence, due in part to his family background which he says pushed him to become a leader. He is a great-nephew of the late Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, Polish Prime Minister before Poland's occupation by the Nazis during World War II.

"My family was kicked out of Poland during the war," he said. Mikolajczyk, my great uncle, refused to go against his own people. Eventually my great-aunt and some of my other family members made it to America. I know that all of my family members swept up everything they could in Poland and went from a nice piece of property to the coal



Edward V.J. Putens

mines of Hazleton, Pa." Putens was born in Hazleton. Soon after he was born, his mother was deathly ill from scarlet fever and his father abandoned him.

"We literally started in Hazleton from nothing...I remember we only had one big meal a day; all the men would work in a coal mine and all the women would make the meals. I'll never forget that. All the kids in the family slept in one bedroom in a bed made of goose feathers called a feather tick."

Before his mother died, young Putens was given the choice ei-

ther of going to an orphanage or being adopted by his Aunt and Uncle Putens, who lived in Towson, Md. Putens chose the latter. His uncle owned an insurance company. "I don't want to say we were rich... but he was very well off and this was one of the reasons why my real mother wanted them to adopt me." Putens took the name of his aunt and uncle, whom he describes as parents who cut no slack and made education a priority for their children.

Putens attended Towson Senior High School. While there, he was a star athlete. He also became a strong activist in the civil rights movement of the time.

"When I was in high school, I was a quiet kid involved in the civil rights movement... back then they (the activists) didn't just shout at you, they threw things at you. There is one basic principle that my family believes — that there should be civil rights for all human beings," he said. The civil rights movements had a big impact on what he would become later in his life.

He attended the University of

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Meeting with Dr. Metts Becomes Merger Protest

by Mary Moien

The Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education had made a long standing invitation to Dr. Iris T. Metts, the Prince George's County superintendent of schools, to attend a forum in Greenbelt to discuss issues of general interest to the Greenbelt City Council and residents. On March 14, the meeting was held at the Municipal Building council meeting room. While the forum was intended to discuss general issues, a standing-room-only audience was interested mainly in protesting a surprise report of the possible merger of Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) and Duval High School.

Metts opened the meeting with a statement of issues to be resolved at the county level. She compared the school budget of Prince George's County to Montgomery County which has a \$2.1 billion budget versus slightly less than \$1 billion for Prince George's. In computers per student, this county ranks the last in the state. However, she predicted that "we will not be at the bottom of the pile" and by September will be on our way to the top of the list in the computer area.

Prince George's schools must gain a reputation as a "district of excellence."

ERHS

At the beginning of the question and answer period, Dr. Metts made a statement that helped to set the tone for much of the meeting. She commented that the county is still under court oversight and that the NAACP wants students to return to schools near home but quality schools. She thought of possibly combining ERHS and Duval since "both are in Greenbelt." This statement led to a chorus of disagreement from the audience that only ERHS is "in Greenbelt." She backed off slightly twice, finally indicating that Duval is part of the general neighborhood.

Metts referred to an article in See MERGER, page 5

What Goes On

Mon., Mar. 27, 8 p.m.
Regular Council Meeting,
Municipal Building
Wed., Mar. 29, 8 p.m.
Council work session with
Greenway Shopping Center
officials, Community Center

Step in the Right Direction



On February 25, a night that was unseasonably warm, more than 500 people gathered at Roosevelt Center to see an advertising sign light up. It was, of course, no ordinary sign, but rather an historically accurate replica of the original marquee for the Greenbelt movie theater. The new-old sign, with "Greenbelt" spelled in green raised letters back-lit by white neon tubing, brought back to the historic Roosevelt Center an architectural feature that had been missing for more than 20 years. It also brought back memories to old time Greenbelters that go back as much as 62 years, when the original sign was first lighted to advertise the first movie at the theater, Shirley Temple in Little Miss Broadway.

The crowd was put in the right mood by the pre-ceremony singing and playing of Christopher Cherry and Stephen Brodd of vintage tunes from the 1930s, many from Broadway shows. By the time Mayor Judith Davis had led the countdown to the sign being lit, the audience was more than ready to see eight-year-old Shirley save an old hotel for Broadway performers. It was a grand time we all had.

Like Shirley Temple, we hope that our city council, together with theater operator Paul Sanchez, have saved our old theater for the enjoyment of future generations. Certainly, replacing the sign has been a step in the right direction.

Letters

Disappearing Shells

I recently turned a corner area next to my driveway into a flower bed, between 3-D Gardenway and 29-A Ridge Road. Over the years, I had accumulated eight conch shells, some of them saved from my childhood home and some of them acquired during memorable trips to the ocean.

Originally they were piled together on the edge of the flower bed, and then one by one all but four disappeared. I thought that since they were not in an orderly fashion, perhaps they were mistaken for curbside trash. I then arranged them to line the bed's edge. Several weeks ago, another one disappeared. With just three left, I pushed them deeper into the ground, trying to make it obvious that they were supposed to be there and that they were not curbside trash. About a week ago, two of them were taken, leaving only one.

I am the first to think that sometimes the best place to get special items is from trash that has been put out on the side of the curb. Unfortunately, mistakes are made and sometimes people pick up items that were not put out for the trash pick up. And then there is always the possibility that someone intentionally takes another person's belongings. I would like to believe the former happened instead of the latter but at this point it is just not feasible.

If you are the person who has been taking my shells, please know that you have been stealing. You have not taken shells that can be purchased anywhere,

but you have taken special reminders of the home where I was raised and from very special vacations. In addition, because of you, I am reluctant to replace the edging with any other kind of decorative items.

If you find it in your conscience to return them, I would be blessed and thankful.

Katrina Boverman

Homeless Dogs Need Master or Mistress

For the past several weeks a classified ad seeking a home for two abandoned dogs has appeared in the Greenbelt News Review. There is a story behind this ad that I believe should be told.

January 17 was one of the first cold winter days in Greenbelt and the day on which someone decided to leave two dogs in the parking lot behind the CVS store near Beltway Plaza. Passers-by noticed the dogs huddled together on one of the islands in the lot. The police and an animal control agency were summoned. Donated dog biscuits appeared. The police arrived and unsuccessfully attempted to apprehend the animals. Animal control never came. Eventually everyone gave up and left.

Ms. Piano Teacher, a long-time resident of GHI, who had only recently moved to Bowie, happened upon the scene. After assisting in the futile rescue efforts she reluctantly went home. But Teacher, the adoptive mother of feral cats who were rescued years ago from the Bethesda

Metro excavation and of an old tomcat who was abandoned in Greenbelt, was troubled by the thought of the dogs out in the cold. She and her sister returned to the CVS and, after four hours in the frigid night, managed to coax the dogs into her car.

Teacher immediately purchased some pet supplies and herded the captives off to a veterinary's office where they were vaccinated, examined and determined to be brother and sister, healthy, and about a year old. Chow heritage was apparent in the male dog with his fluffy golden-brown fur. The smaller female dog, with her sleek black fur, only slightly resembled her brother.

In the days that followed, the pups made themselves at home in Teacher's enormous kitchen where they could be sequestered from the timid cats. Each animal was given its own doggie bed, plenty of treats and lots of love while plans were made to find a permanent home. The dogs underwent laser spay/neuter procedures. Teacher opted for the more expensive laser surgery because she felt it would be less traumatic than the normal surgery.

After surgery the male dog developed a painful infection so serious that it appeared he might not survive. Massive doses of antibiotics were administered and the dog was sedated to make him comfortable. Some nights Teacher slept on the floor in the kitchen so that she could prevent Fluffy from tearing at his bandages. There were a couple of midnight visits to an emergency clinic. Little sister sensed her brother's discomfort and hovered close to him.

Happily, many days and dollars later, Fluffy has recovered. The inseparable brother and sister are back to romping, playing tricks on each other, and avoiding the wrath of Mr. Tomcat who has been known to attack. Teacher does not complain about the disruption to her normal routine (even after her car was recently stolen) but only wishes to find a permanent, loving home for the discarded dogs. She chose to advertise the pets in the Greenbelt News Review because she knows that Greenbelt is a wonderful place and home to an abundance of animal lovers.

I hope some kindhearted person will consider adopting Fluffy and his sister.

The pair would be perfect for an older person, both for companionship and for a sense of security. On my weekly visits for piano lessons, the dogs bark to alert Teacher that there is a stranger in the house but, with wagging tails, they always graciously accept my offering of a dog biscuit. Please, Greenbelt, give brother and sister a home. (I would adopt the dogs myself but my house is already a zoo with several pets.) Teacher's telephone number is 301-352-0462.

Lucinda Frend

Lucky?

All is not completely well in Greenbelt! A week ago Saturday, March 11, we attended a performance of the Maryland Boy Choir at the Greenbelt Arts Center. While in the Arts Center between 7:45 and 9:30 p.m., my 1994 Honda Accord was stolen. It was parked near the

The Old Curmudgeon



"Environmentally sensitive? Nuts! This is developable land!"

Aquatic Center and the Post Office.

I know that I drive a car that is popular for thieves and I know our community is not totally perfect, but our family and friends are saddened to know this can happen in our town. We value Greenbelt for all of its specialness; there are opportunities everywhere and we will continue to support the Arts Center, the movie theater, the restaurants, the Co-op, doctors, lawyers, barber, the Aquatic and Fitness Center and the Community Center.

We are lucky to have all of these services in such a handy location. Maybe my luck will continue and my car will be found unharmed, the thief will be punished and nothing like this will ever happen in Greenbelt again!

Jeri Holloway

Never on Sundays

While it's good to see the county promoting bus service with a "Ride the Bus Free Day," it would be better if the county

were offering better bus service. The county bus routes largely duplicate much better MetroBus routes. Free bus rides for one day are nice, but if the county really wants to promote its bus service it would be better off running buses all seven days of the week, running buses later into the night, and not running routes that duplicate MetroBus service.

Steve Perez

Thanks

Gratitude and thanks seem so trivial when family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers offer their prayers, flowers, gifts, cards, and most of all their support at a time when needed the most.

After five weeks away from home and two open heart surgeries, I'm back now and feeling much better, even anxious to return to work.

My heartfelt thanks to all of you. I cannot express how much I have appreciated all that you have done for me.

Monica E. Parks

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Bob Dole to Come To St. Hugh's School

During the month of February, the students of St. Hugh's School collected pennies for the World War II Memorial Fund. This memorial will be the first national memorial dedicated to all who served during World War II. The memorial will honor all military veterans of the war, the citizens on the home front, and the nation at large.

Former Senator Robert (Bob) Dole, the national campaign chairman, will come to St. Hugh's on Saturday, April 1 to accept a check for over \$1,300 raised by the students. The presentation will take place in Grenoble Hall at 2 p.m. and all are invited to attend.

The school will host a special seating area for veterans and those who helped on the home front. Please let the school know if planning to attend by calling the office at 301-474-4071.



CCRIC to Hold Annual Meeting

The Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek (CCRIC) will hold their first annual meeting on Sunday, March 26 at 2 p.m. in the Community Center. They will recommit to their purpose, elect officers, and perform visioning exercises. The public is invited to attend.

Refreshments will be served and child care will be available. Call 301-441-3844 for information and/or to arrange child care.

Theater Class Starts

Beginning April 1 for five consecutive Saturdays, the Greenbelt Arts Center will offer theater classes for children ages 8 - 13. The classes will end on April 29.

Classes will be taught by Kate Fairhurst and held at the Arts Center from 10 - noon. There is a fee.

Fairhurst has been involved in the theater for over 25 years. She studied theater in college, at the Shakespeare Theatre, and with Shakespeare & Co. The founder of both adult and children's theaters, she has acted, directed and taught classes in the Washington area for the last six years.

The class teaches children to expand awareness of the senses and question the who, what, where, when and why of scripts. With these basic tools of method acting, children are able to approach theater arts with a better understanding of the craft of acting.

Community Events

GIAC to Sponsor Free Computer Class

Utilities are useful and inexpensive software programs often overlooked by many, especially new computer users. Mary Camp will demonstrate five easy utilities for Windows 95/98 and show how to get utilities from the internet. This free computer class will meet at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, in the Senior Classroom, on Tuesday, March 28, from 7 to 9 p.m. For further information call Gilbert Lee at 301-345-8135. The class is sponsored by the Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative.

Golden Age Club by Ruth Huggins

At the last meeting, Florence Holly read an article, "Happy St. Patrick's Day Wish."

Pearl Siegel of the Travel Committee reminded members when payments are due for the Nova Scotia trip. She also reminded members that the April 7 Explorations topic will be "Discover Nova Scotia," and at the April 12 meeting, the topic will be places Golden Agers will visit during their September Nova Scotia trip. The speaker on both dates will be Sahael Abedi.

Dr. Daniel Levitan has been scheduled to speak May 5 on Adult Health & Development.

Nick Pergola announced the Knights of Columbus will participate in Christmas in April. Ellie Rimar, membership chair, welcomed new members Patricia Heoney and Brenda Cooley, and welcomed back Janet Love and her guest, Lucy MacKinnon.

March birthday celebrants were Helen Gibson, Florence Holly, Irene Owens, Vita Pergola, Arlene and Bill Souser. Lucky Vita Pergola won the birthday drawing. The 50/50 drawing was won by Bill Souser and Alberta Tompkins.

Arts Center Presents "The Music Man"

The Greenbelt Arts Center presents Meredith Wilson's "The Music Man" starting Friday, March 24 at 8 p.m.

The production, directed by Norma Ozur and produced by Sheilah Crossley-Cox and Penny Martin, will run weekends. Show dates are: Friday and Saturday evenings March 24, 25, 31, April 1, 7, 8, 14 and 15 at 8 p.m. and Sunday afternoon matinees on April 2 and 9 at 2 p.m. Reservations are suggested.

To reserve a place at the show, call the theater at 301-441-8770.

At the Library

Children's Programs:

Tuesday, March 28, 7 p.m. — P.J. Storytime, ages 4-6.

Thursday, March 30, 10:15 a.m. — Drop-In Storytime, ages 3-5.

11:15 a.m., Toddler Time for two-year-olds and parent or caregiver.

Saturday, April 1, 2 p.m., Harry Potter Day for families. Games and contests; come in costume if desired.

Adult Programs:

Tuesday, March 28, 7 p.m., Babysitting Workshop, ages 12-19. Registration required; last session of a three-part program.

Music Program Set

The Greenbelt Elementary School's music department will hold a vocal/instrumental program on Thursday, March 30, at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Local Resident Walks In 3-Day Cancer Hike

Patricia Merryman of Plateau Place will participate in the first Avon 3-Day Breast Cancer Walk to be held in the Washington D.C. area. The walk is scheduled for May 5, 6, and 7. Over 3,200 walkers have already registered.

Self-described as an "Old Greenbelter," she has a webpage at <http://www.greenbelt.com/centerway/center/avon3day.htm>, with weekly reports on her training efforts for the Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk between Frederick, MD and Washington, DC. Merryman will be distributing pledge forms and doing fund raising.

GHI Notes

The Marketing Committee is having a seller's seminar on Wednesday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Please RSVP to 301-474-4161 if planning to attend.

The Architecture and Environment Committee will meet March 29 in the Board Room at 7:30 p.m.

You are invited to attend the

Organizational Meeting of the Greenbelt Educational Broadcasting Corporation

for purposes of applying for a low-power FM broadcast license for the people of Greenbelt, MD

Community Center Senior Classroom 8 p.m. Monday, March 27, 2000

contact Doug Love for more info.
Dlove@Greenbelt.COM
301-474-8663

Needed: Sponsors For Egg Hunt

The Recreation Department is gearing up for its annual Egg Hunt. The hunt is traditionally scheduled for Easter Monday and draws over 500 youngsters and their parents to participate in the treat-finding frenzy. Held at Buddy Attick Park, the program will include giveaways, special prize eggs and entertainment by Blue Sky Puppet Theater. This is a free event.

Area businesses are invited to assist the Recreation Department in providing sponsorship for this popular annual event. For more information, prospective sponsors are asked to call the Recreation Department at 301-397-2200.

The Lion's Roar

The Greenbelt Lions Club announces its annual Spring White Cane Days to raise funds to help disadvantaged citizens in this area, primarily those with sight or vision problems.

The Greenbelt Lions Club requests that people donate at the collection locations in front of Co-op, Safeway, Giant, BankAmerica, and the K-mart on Greenbelt Road on the following days: Friday, March 31; Saturday, April 1; Sunday, April 2; Monday, April 3; Friday, April 28; Saturday, April 29; Sunday, April 30; and Monday, May 1.

Greenbelt Elementary PTA Meets Tuesday

The Greenbelt Elementary School's Parent Teacher Association (PTA) will meet on Tuesday, March 28 at 7 p.m. in the school's media center. Plans for the Spring Fair will be discussed.

Explore Racing

On Friday, March 31, "Explorations Unlimited" will present "Off to the Races," an informative discussion of Rosecroft Raceway. The presenter will be Brock Schmaltz, a driver and publicity representative for harness racing at Rosecroft.

Brock will share information on the sport and on the programs used to assist in betting ventures. Old programs and video aids of previous races will be used in the discussion.

"Explorations Unlimited" is a speaker series held every Friday from 1-3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. For further information call 301-397-2208.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE March 24 Alfred Hitchcock's Restored Rear Window

Friday (5:00 @ \$4)
7:30, 9:50

Saturday (2:30, 5:00 @ \$4)
7:30, 9:50

Sunday (2:30, 5:00 @ \$4)
7:30

Mon. - Thurs. 7:30

129 Centerway
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Greenbelt Babe Ruth Baseball Tryouts

Saturday, April 1, 2000

Juniors 10:00 A.M.

(Born on or after Aug. 1, 1984)

Questions call Mark Markowich 301-474-0252

Preps 1:00 P.M.

(Born between Aug. 1, 1986-July 31, 1987)

Questions call Oliver Calebaugh 301-345-4297



Greenbelt Homes Spring Grass Seed Sale

April 1 and 15
9 a.m. - 12 noon
Hamilton Place



Grass seed for sun and shade
Limited quantities of ground covers:
Hay-scented Fern, Hypericum, Vinca, Hosta, &
Spreading and Clumping Liriope

Greenbelt Recreation Department

Basics & Beyond

Line Dancing

Dance instruction by Ronnie & Micheal of Country Works
Monday 7:30-9:00 pm
8 weeks session - starts 4/10 in CC Dance Studio

Residents \$38
Non-Residents \$45
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For more information, call the Greenbelt Community Center at 301/397-2208.

OBITUARY

Thomas Chapman

Thomas (Tom) Chapman, 70, of Parkway, died on Thursday, March 16, 2000, in the Shock Trauma Unit of the University of Maryland Hospital, Baltimore, from injuries due to a fall.

Born in Dayton, Ohio, Tom graduated from high school there. He received his bachelor's degree in 1951 from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

During the Korean War he joined the U.S. Air Force and served for eight years.

Upon his return from service, he entered Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, where he did graduate work.

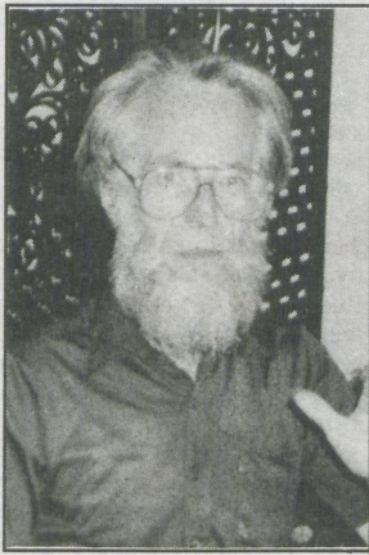
He worked in social work for seven years in Cook County, Illinois and for seven years in Washington, D.C., where he worked for HUD with clients who had children.

In 1966 he came to this area. For a time he worked for Comprint Printing Company. He then applied to the Prince George's County Board of Education and worked as custodian in several county schools including Greenbelt Center School and Eleanor Roosevelt and Parkdale High Schools. Tom was there when the children in Center School's after-school program needed someone to talk to. He was a good listener. "Tie your shoes before we have to fill out an accident report," he'd remind them. Sometimes he used animal sounds to greet them and the children would remember and use them next time they saw him. At Parkdale he met and was remembered by children he had known in elementary school.

Tom felt community around him. People came to talk to him and fellowship and community was established among them all.

His love of reading and poetry was with him all his life and he liked discussing them with other people. He also liked to sing and was devastated when his singing voice was gone.

Tom was a member of Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church and sang for a time in the church choir.



Tom Chapman

He was also a mentor under the OASIS program. He faithfully delivered the News Review copy to the printshop early Thursday mornings, in good weather and bad.

His marriages to Katherine Ash, Frances Ross, and Mary Serlemitsos ended in divorce, though each kept his name, Chapman.

His care and love and friendship for his ex-wife Mary continued after the divorce. They had many meals together and he visited her often. He also continued to be part of family celebrations. Shortly before his death, he made a brief trip to his seven-year-old grandson's birthday celebrations.

He is survived by his ex-wife and friend, Mary, a son Ross, a brother David from California, members of his surrogate family, son, John Serlemitsos and his wife Debbie, daughter, Louann Day and husband Frank, six grandchildren, three nephews and a niece.

A memorial service will be held at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church on Sunday, April 9 at 3 p.m. The Rev. Jacob B. ten Hove will lead the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Greenbelt's Adopt-a-Tree program.

A Review

Choir Delights Audience

by Altoria Bell Ross and Joshua Aaron Ross

The Maryland Boy Choir brought down the house with a Blues Brothers rendition of "At the Hop" during its grand finale on Saturday, March 11, at the Greenbelt Arts Center.

Before the selection, the youth turned their backs to the audience, and when they turned around, the boys donned dark sunglasses much to the audience's delight. Then the younger boys began singing the melody of the song while the older boys performed a snakelike sway and repeated "Oh, baby." This selection, along with the preceding piece, "Blueberry Hill," also from mid-20th century America, definitely pleased the crowd.

The 35-voice treble choir, whose members include Greenbelters Jesse Crowley, Peter Fleri, and Patrick Hindsley, is directed by native Greenbelt Joan McFarland and accompanied by Michael Ely. McFarland, a professional choral singer and an accomplished soloist, accepted a Grammy award this month for the choir's "best choral performance" of Benjamin Britten's "War Requiem" at the Kennedy Center in 1995.

Saturday's performance was not limited to popular music. The choir also sang a Renaissance trio, composed of "Sanctus," "El Grillo," and "Barechu et Adonai Ham, 'vorach," that highlighted the melodious harmony between the sopranos and altos. Their performance of the German folksong, "Maria Durch ein Dornwald Ging," also produced a similar effect. In a setting from the requiem mass, soprano Aaron Burr sang a touching version of "Pie Jesu," which showcased his angelic voice.

The choir also performed Negro spirituals. They sang "Elijah Rock" with gusto and creativity. The sopranos resembled the sound of a train whistle while the

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altos were reminiscent of a train's rumble. The second spiritual, "I'm Goin' Up a Yonder," featured the boys' ability to echo one another, a technique known as call and response in Africa that is used to communicate within a tribe. The response of the near-capacity audience was wholehearted appreciation.

In addition to Greenbelt, the Maryland Boy Choir, established in 1983 at the University of Maryland at College Park, has performed at the White House, Daughters of the American Revolution Constitution Hall, and Wolf Trap Park for the Performing Arts. Last June, it sang in Bucharest, Romania, and in the Hungarian-speaking region of Transylvania. The choir is the only community-based, treble-voice boy choir in the Washington area. Members range in age from 8 to 13 years old.

Catholic Business Network Gives Grant

The monthly breakfast of the Catholic Business Network of Prince George's County (CBN-PG) will be held on Friday, March 31 at 7:30 a.m., at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 2020 St. Joseph's Drive, Largo (near the intersection of the Beltway and Landover Road). A \$1,000 grant will be awarded to St. Hugh's Catholic School of Greenbelt.

CBN-PG is an organization of business and professional people dedicated to raising money for Catholic schools and school parents through networking breakfasts and other fund-raising activities. Call Tony Laubach for breakfast information at 301-680-9610, ext. 229 and John Calabrese for membership at 301-699-1400. Sponsorship questions should be addressed to Ed McGehrin at 301-982-5525.

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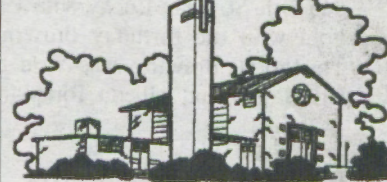
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ERHS Merger Topic Of Three Meetings

by Mary Moien

Education issues related to Greenbelt schools were discussed at three meetings within one week by School Superintendent Dr. Iris T. Metts. The first meeting, on Tuesday March 14 was a longstanding meeting arranged by the Greenbelt City Council's Advisory Committee on Education (ACE). It was to be a forum to discuss general issues and to introduce Metts to the Greenbelt community (See separate story). Instead, a standing-room-only audience turned the meeting into a protest of a surprise news report of the possible merger of Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) and Duval High School.

Wednesday night, March 15, there was a meeting at Duval originally scheduled to discuss high school boundary issues related to the opening of the new Flowers High School. However, those boundaries had already been discarded after earlier parent complaints. This meeting also then focused on the merger issue, which, in general, they opposed.

Finally, at the March 16 school board meeting in Upper Marlboro, Metts gave a statement indicating that the merger of ERHS and Duval was one of several possible ideas that was "just a suggestion for thought." She said she "want(ed) to assure the public again, that the superintendent has no plan at this point to present to the public." However Metts is working toward a plan. A high school summit will be held in June. There will be meetings with students and staff at all high schools. There will be meetings with education experts from around the country. A plan may take a year. But Metts is firm in that "it's time... to look at our high schools critically, and to talk about why all of our high schools are not perceived as high schools of choice." The goal of meetings such as these is to engage "the community in a discussion of how to bring excellence and equity to all of our schools."

Our Neighbors

Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of Tom Chapman. Our condolences to Mary Chapman and his family.

Our sympathies to Kathleen White of Laurel Hill Road and Alicia Bush of Plateau Place and their families on the death of their father, Ozelle S. White, of Riverdale, on March 21. A memorial service is planned for 11 a.m. Friday, March 24, at Greenbelt Community Church.

Harvey Geller, 78, longtime resident of Greenbelt, placed first in the Maryland Senior Olympics triathlon for the 70-79-year-olds. The race consisted of a 20-minute swim, 20 minutes on the treadmill and 20 minutes on the stationary bicycle. Geller also won gold medals in swimming by winning the 100-yard and 200-yard freestyle, and the 100-yard breaststroke. He won a silver medal in the 50-yard breaststroke. He also won the racquetball competition and placed third in the 440-yard run. Congratulations, Harvey.

MERGER

(Continued from page 1)

the Washington Post that highlighted only one of her suggestions regarding ERHS and Duval. She said that there were really three general models to look at to see how to replicate the ERHS success at Duval: 1) Radically change the program at Duval to mirror ERHS; 2) Share staff and use distance learning; and 3) have two campuses with selected grade levels at each school. The Post only emphasized the final model. She stressed that students have to return to neighborhood schools but, currently, there is no equity at these schools.

There was a comment from a member of the audience who was both a staff member at ERHS and a parent of students there who indicated that the principal is of prime importance in a school. The school is possibly losing the principal, Dr. Gerald Boarman, and the new Academy programs are in their infancy. This is not a good time to be trying something different. Metts responded that she has received nothing in writing from Boarman and is under the assumption that he will be here next fall.

In her presentation, Metts said that people need to "think outside the box," that is, think of unique ways to solve the issue of inequity in schools. PTSA president Dale Manty countered saying that "thinking outside the box is okay, but don't think off the wall." He is concerned that Metts is risking antagonizing the very people who will be needed to ensure successful changes in the schools in the next few years. Metts replied that anything she suggested would probably be opposed. This statement received murmured "no's" from the audience.

When asked if changes at ERHS would jeopardize the Science and Technology program, she firmly stated "No, but you can only put so many" students in ERHS. She would like to see ERHS and Duval be two schools of equal reputation.

Other issues

In response to a question on kindergarten changes, Metts said that there are three areas that she is "going to the wall on": compensation, class size, and full-day

PTSA President Talks about County High Schools

by Mary Moien

Dale Manty, president of the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) PTSA has provided some thoughts to the Greenbelt News Review on the issue of improving education both at ERHS and at all schools throughout the county following the report of a possible merger of ERHS and Duval High School.


During several meetings in the past week, it became obvi-

ous that the majority of parents, students, and staff at both schools prefer to keep the two schools independent. Manty commented that "parents don't want to be 'provoked' by fear to care about schools, but 'inspired' by vision and successes to push for better schools." He continued by stating that Iris T. Metts, superintendent of Prince George's County schools, must listen to the voices in the community. Metts' "opportunities to listen to the community (are) a good starting point," he said. "But, as she learned in Greenbelt, her 'honeymoon' of good faith trust is over, and she's behind schedule in listen-

ing to parents." According to Manty, "the ERHS PTSA is committed to helping make all of the county high schools high quality. Many of our parents have volunteered in letters to Dr. Metts and the board, excellent and 'out of the box' suggestions and ideas to improve education across the county. We are also committed to work with the proposed June High School Summit." He continued, "Tough issues remain — a critical need for more money for construction, salaries and programs and the imperative of Prince George's County officials and legislators to get these resources."


kindergarten. Metts also touched briefly on other topics. In the area of school-based management funds, she comments that these funds are still in the budget but she is concerned about the equity of their distribution. She feels that at-risk schools should get more money per pupil. She is seeking to strengthen the public relations office and make different uses of the school-community television station. At the end of the forum, Dr. Boarman asked to say a few words. He disagreed with a recent statement in a newspaper attributed to him, saying that he would not make negative comments in the press. He stated that he was "for the system." He's "been in the system all my life." He said that he wanted to make it clear that there is no battle between him and Dr. Metts and that, in his opinion, reporters are "trying to build a wedge between Dr. Metts and her principals." He wants the very best for ERHS, but his interests are not limited to that school. He is the president of the State Principal's Association. He summarized by saying that he and Dr. Metts may differ on approach, but "once the decision is made, I follow the decision."

Metts closed the meeting by stating that a reference attributed to her about Boarman not being a team player, was not, in fact, made about him, but was a general statement made in a meeting of principals. To end the meeting she told Boarman referring to the many years he has been in the county school system, "You could have gone somewhere else; you stayed with us. I appreciate that."



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March 27, 2000 - 8:00 P.M.

I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations

(The consent agenda consists of those items which have asterisks [] placed beside them, subject to such revisions as may be made by the Council prior to approval.)*

5. Approval of Agenda and Additions

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Presentations
 - Dedication of Bunk Room - Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department
 - City Manager's Proposed FY 2001 Budget

7. Petitions and Requests

(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless the standing rules are waived by the Council.)

8. Minutes of Meetings
9. Administrative Reports
- *10. Committee Reports

III. LEGISLATION

11. A Resolution to Establish an Advisory Committee on Trees
-2nd Reading, Adoption
12. A Resolution to Amend Standing Rules
-1st Reading

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

13. Proposal for Sharon Koehler - Sculpture Garden Base
14. Approval of Letter to Governor re: Metroland (Preservation on the Smith Property)
15. State Legislation
- *16. County Legislation - CR-9-2000 (Water & Sewer Designations for Metro/Smith properties)
- *17. Policy on Adopt-a-Tree Plaque Replacement
- *18. Referral to PRAB - Attick Park Restroom Concept

V. MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public and all interested citizens are invited to attend. For information, please call 301-474-3870. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or 301-474-2046 (TDD) to request such accommodation before 10:00 am on the day of the meeting.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robberies

6300 block of Golden Triangle Drive, Mar. 11, 1:01 p.m., a woman reported that a man she had met the previous evening produced a knife and robbed her of cash.

7200 block of Jacobs Drive, Mar. 14, 9:12 p.m., a man was walking his dog when two men approached him, one brandishing a handgun. They made the man lie on the ground and took cash, a watch, and his pet dog. The robbers then fled on foot through the woods toward Hanover Parkway. The suspects are described as two black males in their 20s. One was 6'2" and 175 lbs., with medium complexion and black hair. He was wearing a gray sweatshirt and dark pants and was armed with a Desert Eagle handgun. The other was 5'11" and 150 lbs. and had a medium complexion and black hair; he was called "Chaos" by the armed suspect. The victim's dog is a two-month-old female American standard bulldog with short white hair; she had brindle spots on both sides of her head and on her left flank and she was wearing a red collar and red leash.

Greenway Shopping Center, Mar. 15, 1:50 p.m., a woman was loading groceries into her vehicle when she heard someone run up behind her. An armed man pointed a handgun at her and demanded her purse. The victim complied, and then the suspect and an accomplice, who had been standing nearby, fled on foot to the side of Safeway toward Hanover Parkway. The armed suspect is described as a black male in his 30s, 5'10", wearing a blue hooded jacket, black pants, white sneakers, a blue bandana, and a red Ace bandage and a dark glove on his right hand. He was armed with a black handgun with a long barrel.

Attempted Carjacking

6500 block of Capitol Drive, Mar. 16, 8:04 p.m., a 21-year-old male of no fixed address was arrested and charged with attempted carjacking, attempted theft over \$300, theft over \$300, two counts of second-degree assault, and resisting arrest. He was escorted from

T.G.I. Friday's by an officer for being disorderly. He unsuccessfully attempted to pull a female motorist from her vehicle on Capitol Drive, stating that he was going to take the vehicle. The man then ran into the Capitol Cadillac dealership parking lot, jumped into a vehicle with its engine running, and attempted to flee the area. Another officer prevented him from doing so, and he then attempted to flee on foot. The officer pursued and tackled him, and he violently resisted arrest. The subject was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Assault

Centerway, Mar. 15, two occupants of a vehicle were assaulted and sustained minor injuries after a verbal confrontation with two other people. One of the assailants had leaned on the hood of the car and the driver began blowing the horn, which led to the confrontation. The suspects are described as two white males ages 20 to 22, one 5'8" and the other one 6'4", both 200 lbs. with blond crew-cut-style hair, wearing cut-off sweatpants and sleeveless sweatshirts. They fled in a newer-model light blue Chevrolet Cavalier toward Crescent Road.

Forgery

Columbia Bank in the 7500 block of Greenway Center Drive, Mar. 10, 2:47 p.m., a 28-year-old female nonresident and a 19-year-old male nonresident were arrested and charged with forgery of a private document, uttering a false document, and theft after they attempted to pass a forged stolen check. Both were released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a teal four-door 1994 Honda Accord with Maryland tags BKT 625, Mar. 13, from the 7700 block of Jacobs Drive; a beige 1991 Dodge Caravan with Maryland tags M225568, Mar. 13, from the 6900 block of Hanover Parkway; and a light blue four-door 1988 Toyota Camry with Mary-

BUS STOP

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boards and committees: Alla Lake, Advisory Committee on Education; Richard Bates and Susan Hale Whitmore, Arts Advisory Board; Steven Skolnik, Board of Appeals; Keith Chernikoff and Dorothy Lauber, Board of Elections; Janet Jacobs Parker, Community Relations Advisory Board; Neal Barnett and Darlene Walter, Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee; and Pearl Siegel, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee.

Council accepted the resignations of Andrew Nitz from the Arts Advisory Board and Mary Wade from the Youth Advisory Committee and appointed Pamela Moody to the Advisory Committee on Education, and Walter Moody to the Recycling and Environment Committee.

Other Actions

Daniel Jobe, owner of Capitol Cadillac was presented with a framed Greenbelt New Year 2000 poster in appreciation for the company's large donation to the Greenbelt New Year program.

A bill to create an Advisory Committee on Trees was introduced for first reading. It will be considered for final adoption at the March 27 meeting.

On a unanimous vote, council voted to support provision of dedicated bicycle lanes on Route 1 when that road is reconstructed.

Council unanimously agreed to donate \$500 to the Greenbelt American Legion baseball team.

On a 4-1 vote, with Councilmember Alan Turnbull opposed, council awarded a \$58,880 contract for the expansion of the Green Ridge House parking lot to Applicators, Inc. Turnbull voted against the award because of his opposition to expansion of the lot.

land tags FA0561, Mar. 16, from Beltway Plaza Mall.

Vandalisms to, thefts from, and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7900 block of Mandan Road, Greenway Shopping Center, 7400 block of Greenway Center Drive, 100 block of Westway, 6500 block of Capitol Drive, 9100 block of Springhill Court, 9100 block of Edmonston Road, and 6200 block of Breezewood Drive.

Bobbitt Sentenced To Life for Murder

George Trenton Bobbitt was sentenced to life in prison on March 10 and a concurrent 30 year term. It was the maximum sentence that Circuit Court Judge Herman Dawson could impose. Bobbitt, who pled guilty to one count of first degree murder and one count of kidnapping regarding the shooting death of 23-year-old Zipporah Genora Mack of the 9100 block of Springhill Lane on December 15, 1998, will not be eligible for parole for 25 years. According to Greenbelt Police Chief James Craze, it is unusual for a defendant to plead guilty to first degree murder.

Bobbitt was reported to have stalked Mack and threatened to kill her prior to the shooting. On December 15, 1998, he followed Mack home and shot her as she ran to her home. Her grandmother, Genora Goode, opened the apartment door and attempted to bring Mack inside even as Bobbitt continued to shoot at her.

PGCC to Offer Police Academy

The Municipal Police Academy at Prince George's Community College (PGCC) is accepting registrations for upcoming classes. The college's program is certified by the Maryland Police Training Commission. Students attending the PGCC Municipal Police Academy must be at least 21 years old by the time of graduation from the Academy, must have a clear police record, and should be prepared for a physically demanding program.

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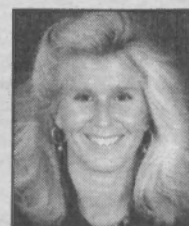


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PUTENS

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Maryland, where he majored in microbiology. He also became an avid lacrosse player and karate enthusiast. "Somebody told me that if I played lacrosse in college, I could get a scholarship," he said. "It took a lot of practice and I got injured a lot." Eventually, Putens' injuries became so bad that he was forced to stop playing on the lacrosse team by his junior year.

During college, Putens' roommates, who were swimmers, introduced him to a Korean exchange student who was extremely proficient in karate. Putens boasts that he is a second-degree black belt because of his Korean friend. "I competed in the Eastern Regional karate tournament. Unfortunately, I got hit by a competitor and had to get my hip replaced." Dealing with hip replacement was a huge struggle, but that didn't stop Putens from teaching his skills to others. He started his own karate school in Greenbelt and some of his former students are now police officers in Prince George's County.

Various Jobs

After graduation Putens got a job with W.R. Grace Inc., a research company, in Columbia, Md. There several inventions he helped develop were patented and he did some of the major research on catalytic converters that are used today to control car fuel emissions. Later he worked for the Postal Service in its "job evaluation program." He recalled that the postal workers hated the evaluators so much that his office had to be kept locked at all times. Thankfully, no one "went postal" on Putens.

Later, he joined the Mine Safety and Health Agency in Washington, regulating coal mines and quarries, a job more related to his roots. "Thank God for the regulatory agencies... new techniques have saved the lives of so many miners," he says.

Putens then moved to the Department of Labor in administration and later to a job at the Office of Personnel Management, which led him to learn skills of organizational management.

In 1987 Putens was hired by the Food and Drug Administration headquarters in Rockville (FDA), where he presently works in the personnel department. "The interesting part of my job is that the FDA is a very challenging agency...new drugs, new technologies; they have done everything they can to improve drugs. I am very proud of the agency," he said.

Putens shares his wealth of knowledge from his extensive career experience with his wife, Becky, and three children. He says, "I met my wife while I was working at the Postal Service. She was working for George McGovern's Presidential campaign and knew McGovern personally." They were married at McGovern's house in Washington in 1975 by Father Drinan of Georgetown (also a Congressman) and Becky's father, a Bishop of the Methodist Church.

Macaroni and Hot Dogs

Soon after their wedding, Putens and his wife moved to Greenbelt. "Part of our budget at the time was eating tuna casserole, macaroni, and hot dogs for an entire year. 'I never want to see any of that food again,' Putens said with relief.

Putens and his family received death threats while serving on the

Windsor Green board. "I got a call from someone who was a resident of Windsor Green. They were very angry and told me they didn't want to see any more blacks, Jews, or Catholics at Windsor Green. This was before the 'hate laws' were enacted, but I could not tolerate this type of behavior."

Putens wrote many letters to city leaders about the issue and eventually, in 1981, it spurred him to run for the Greenbelt City Council. He is still a member today. "I wanted to make a difference on city council... I wasn't going to tolerate those kinds of things. People have a right to work and live where they want... to be treated equally and fairly, not based on race, ethnicity, or religion."

On Tenth Term

Putens has spent ten terms as a councilmember and it has had its ups and downs, he says. "There is an old saying about Greenbelt — Greenbelters practice democracy with a vengeance. There is always an issue that divides the city."

Fellow Greenbelt residents who know Putens mention his convictions. "Ed has always been very active in the local community groups and he has a long history of being involved and active in the community; Greenbelt is very lucky to have someone that works so hard and obviously he has done a good job or he wouldn't be elected over and over again," said Richard Castaldi, director of inter-governmental affairs for Governor Parris Glendening and former mayor of Greenbelt.

"I found that Ed and his wife, Becky, are like a two-for-one punch; Becky has her own political background and he couldn't be successful without her," Castaldi said.



Ed Putens' great uncle Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, returning to Poland in 1945 as deputy prime minister in the Provisional Government, promises crowds at Warsaw airport that he will fight for true independence.

Sheldon Goldberg, chairman of the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) also feels that Putens has done an outstanding job as city council member. "He's a very good, active councilmember with a lot of new ideas. One of the great things that I can recall about him is that he fought to lower the density of development in Greenbelt East," Goldberg said.

As to his aspirations for a higher office, Putens feels that when the time comes he will seek that goal. For the present, he is most concerned with the issues in Greenbelt.

Schools Sponsor History Competition

Prince George's County Public Schools are sponsoring a competition for National History Day, Saturday, March 25 from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. at National Archives II in College Park.

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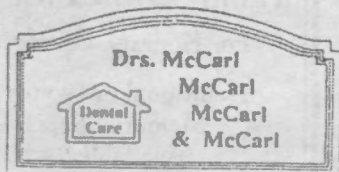
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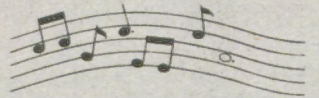
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the project and refines the proposal. At present, Reed said, his client is focusing on a "main street" concept, instead of the enclosed mall originally proposed.

Reed noted that council usually complains about not being included in developers' planning processes. That is not true for Metroland, he pointed out, but one of the drawbacks of being involved in the "preconceptual" stages is that many details have yet to be worked out. "Preconceptual — does that mean that someone is going to get screwed?" quipped Councilmember Thomas White.

No Strings?

The Metroland development is consistent with Governor Parris Glendening's "Smart Growth" program, which supports placing development around transit facilities. Reed said that there is an opportunity to get the funds from the governor's office to purchase some of the environmentally sensitive lands. The governor has asked to hear from the municipalities near the proposed development as to what would be acceptable to them.

Reed stressed that his client was not asking for support for his development proposal. Nor was he asking for support for the environmental impacts. He said that if council supported the acquisition, his clients would still expect and encourage "full participation" by the city in any permit process, even opposition. There are no strings attached, he said.

White was skeptical. "If it's that loosey-goosey for us," he said, "then it's loosey-goosey for you as well." Reed disagreed. Once the acquisition deal is approved and implemented (a process that could take a year or more), we're committed, he said.

However, Kate Spencer, chair of Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek (CCRIC), noted that the state's acquisition proposal is tied to a set of development milestones. If they don't occur, neither will the acquisition. The councilmembers appeared to support her suggestion that the letter also urge that the purchase should be independent of the possibility of development.

Not on My Land?

Councilmember Rodney Roberts objected to the developer's plan to mitigate the wetlands impact of the development on the "state" land. Mitigation should take place on property you own, he argued. Reed disagreed. He said that all mitigation could be done on the land to be donated, but given that the developer has increased the conservation area from 104 acres to 111, he argued that they should be able

to mitigate on the preservation area. White questioned whether the land really was donated if it remained available for the developer's use. Reed countered that the significant benefit to his client does not mitigate against the benefit to the community.

Who Pays?

Reed spoke with some pride about the potential improvement to the area of the concrete mountain. He said that his clients' proposal presents an opportunity to restore an existing failed situation by removing the concrete and creating/mitigating wetlands or reforested areas.

But, when Roberts asked who will pay for this restoration, Reed said "we don't have a full-blown proposal for that, but, as you say, it is premature." He said that the developer is "prepared to participate."

Mayor Judith Davis saw donation of the concrete mountain area as the developer dumping a problem into someone else's lap, rather than donating something of value. Reed assured her that the property was "thought to be a fairly valuable potential development site." If the land were not transferred to the state, he said that development would not be cost prohibitive, but the decision as to whether to develop it would depend upon the type of development and the expected return.

Field or Wetland?

One of the parcels Park and Planning has identified as environmentally sensitive is the mitigation site (artificially created wetlands to replace wetlands destroyed by development) from the construction of

the Metro station and yards. All agreed that this mitigation site has failed. Reed said that it is basically a grass field that is no longer environmentally sensitive. Thus, it is included in the developers' count of developable land.

Roberts argued that someone is responsible for making that mitigation site work. To allow it to be developed would "make a mockery of mitigation" requirements, he said. Davis noted that the Army Corps of Engineers, which is responsible for regulating wetlands, has told the city that they consider the mitigation site to be federal wetlands, and thus undevelopable. Roberts suggested that the mitigation area could be replaced by a more workable and meaningful location that will remain contiguous with the other wetlands on the site. However, Spencer said that the current site serves as an essential link between the large areas of contiguous forests and streams, and the wetlands by the tracks and is the only known breeding ground for the spotted salamanders.

How Much on Table?

The main concern Reed had with the city's draft letter is that it asked for acquisition of the full 138 acres that Park and Planning had identified as environmentally sensitive. However, Reed said that only 111 acres was on the table. Councilmember Alan Turnbull suggested that arguing over an acreage number was irrelevant: the state and developer would set the amount of land through negotiation. He proposed sending a letter reiterating the city's previously stated endorsement

of smart growth and transit related development in the environmentally neutral areas and encouraging the governor to use all of his devices to ensure the perpetual protection of as much of the land as possible. All of the councilmembers appeared concerned that supporting the specific acreage the developer proposed would be misread as endorsing his proposal or accepting development of the remainder of the parcel. Councilmember Edward Putens noted that in asking for the letter, Reed had told the four cities that he needed something to take back to his client showing

Volunteer Training

On Wednesday, March 29, 6 p.m., at Doctors Community Hospital in Lanham, Y-ME of the National Capital Area, will train volunteer facilitators for the Brown Bag seminar community outreach program. The program offers 30-60 minute seminars on breast cancer awareness, healthy lifestyle choices and the three steps to early detection of breast cancer. Call 703-461-9595 to register.

some "progress," otherwise his client would pursue industrial development of the land

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Dear Wondering, Just as we are currently told that the internet and computers will change the way we live, in the 1950's people were promised "better living through chemistry". Come what may with the internet, it is now clear that many of the chemical solutions of the past are going to be the toxics of the future. Modern landfills have plastic linings to catch the seepage from our throw-aways, but how well these linings will hold up in the distant future is not clear. While the chemical products of today are safer than the past, it is still best to take chemical products to a household hazardous waste collection site. Prince George's County, Department of Environmental Resources hosts frequent collection days. They can be reached at 301-883-5045. Thank you for taking the time to act responsibly.

Dear Lorax, My neighbor owns a dog, and when the dog poops, this neighbor scoops. I am always impressed that he is so considerate of others. But, he tosses his little packaged poop down the storm drain. Is this a good idea? *Yours, Snoopy*

Dear Snoopy, The storm drain is no place for anything but water runoff from rainfall. The animal waste from our pets has become a significant pollutant in our local streams. Your neighbor should not toss that stuff down the drain, but you will have to write to "Dear Abby" on how to broach the subject with him. Good Luck.

Mail your recycling questions, comments etc. to The Lorax, c/o Mike Clem, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 or visit www.ci.greenbelt.md.us.